

(b) whether large number of women under trials languishing in various prisons in the country without the trial for years together;

(c) if so, the total number of women and girl under trials in different jails, remand homes and nari niketans etc. for over a six months, over one year and over three years;

(d) the maximum number of years for an under trial in the jail; and

(e) the reasons therefor and the steps taken for the speedy trials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The question presumably refers to the report on jail visits by the Chairperson/Members of the National Commission for Women. This report titled "Women Prisoners in Indian Jails" was discussed at a recently held conference of State Prison authorities and others.

(b) and (c). Available information on women under trials in jails in enclosed as statement.

(d) and (e). The period for which an under trial prisoner remains in jail is decided on a case to case basis by the concerned court. Though the administration of justice in this district/subordinate courts comes under the purview of the concerned State Governments/High Courts, the Central Government has been insisting upon the State Governments to strengthen their infrastructure relating to the criminal justice system for speedy trial of cases by the courts.

STATEMENT

Number of Women Under Trials as on 30.6.1996

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Number of Under trials
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	392
2.	Bihar	568
3.	Goa	1
4.	Gujarat	121
5.	Haryana	136
6.	Himachal Pradesh	8
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	5
8.	Karnataka	148
9.	Kerala	94
10.	Madhya Pradesh	385
11.	Maharashtra	471
12.	Orissa	139
13.	Punjab	232
14.	Rajasthan	119
15.	Tamil Nadu	279
16.	Uttar Pradesh	464

1	2	3
17.	West Bengal	416
18.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
19.	Assam	74
20.	Manipur	19
21.	Meghalaya	2
22.	Mizoram	45
23.	Nagaland	6
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tripura	9
26.	Delhi	315
27.	A & N Islands	2
28.	Chandigarh	9
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-
30.	Daman & Diu	-
31.	Lakshadweep	-
32.	Pondicherry	2
Total		4464

Note : Statistics relating to the period of detention of women and girls in different jails, remand homes and Nariniketans, etc. are not yet maintained by the Central Government.

Smuggling of Arms

1659. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a secret arms bazar through hawala transactions is originating in the four metros;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether arms and ammunitions are smuggled into the country every day from the neighbouring countries; and

(d) the steps taken to check the smuggling of arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). There is no information with the Government in this regard.

(c) There is no confirmation of the information that arms and ammunition are being smuggled into the country every day. However, incidents of smuggling of arms and ammunition are detected occasionally by security agencies.

(d) State Governments have been asked to appoint nodal officers for coordinating all action for carrying out reinforced surveillance. Other steps included gearing up of intelligence machinery, stricter enforcement of existing regulations and a close coordination between the concerned Central and State agencies. BSF and other security agencies along the borders are being sensitised from time to time to take adequate preventive measures.